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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. McCone

SUBJECT : Progress with Congress on the Early Retirement Legislation

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1. Monday, 27 August, [redacted] Emmett Echols, and I met with Bob Smart, Committee Counsel, to review our presentation and to help draft the Committee report. This was a very successful and promising meeting.

2. Today, I met with the entire House Armed Services Committee with Chairman Vinson presiding and a quorum present. My presentation was favorably accepted and the general reaction throughout the Committee was sympathetic, understanding, willing, and receptive. However, the one thing that we thought would make it easy was the one thing that the Committee balked on -- that is, tying ours into the Foreign Service system. There seemed to be a general agreement that to do this would open the gates for the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House and the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate to involve themselves in the activities of the CIA. Most of the discussion was between the Chairman and the Committee members and since it was a jurisdictional matter within the Congress, we were not asked for nor provided an opportunity to adequately argue the merits. It was perfectly apparent, however, that the Committee wanted no part of any other Committees or influence from the Congress being directed toward CIA. As a result, we were directed to start from scratch and draft our own early retirement legislation and whatever other accompanying personnel actions would appropriately fit into such legislation. Our Legislative people are now working on this night and day, but I seriously doubt that we will be able to get favorable action by the entire Congress during this session. We are, however, leaving no stone unturned to accomplish this and certainly to continue the momentum that we acquired today.

3. (It is possible that this was a stalling action to avoid having to bring the matter to the Floor in this session, since much of the Committee discussion centered around the present temper of the House and why had we waited so long to bring the matter up for Congressional approval,)

/s/

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